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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Reinstatement of the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM)

The sacrifices and contributions made by the Armed Forces in direct response to the terrorism attacks on the United States and to the long-term resolution of terrorism merit special recognition. Therefore, pursuant to Executive Order 10448, I hereby authorize members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 to be awarded the NDSM. The termination date will be determined in the future. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness is authorized to make the necessary administrative arrangements. The fact that a closing date has not been established does not preclude award to military members who meet the award criteria.

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